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DAILY BRIEF

Congo: The government's delay in issuing its planned order to recess Parliament has given the opposition forewarning and time to organize counter-measures.

Ambassador Gullion describes the delay as another "hair-raising example of Congolese carelessness." Adoula told him the order would be issued on 26 December.

General Mobutu is reported to be furious with the holdup. Congo Army troops in Leopoldville have been on the alert since 23 December, awaiting an order to support the government move.

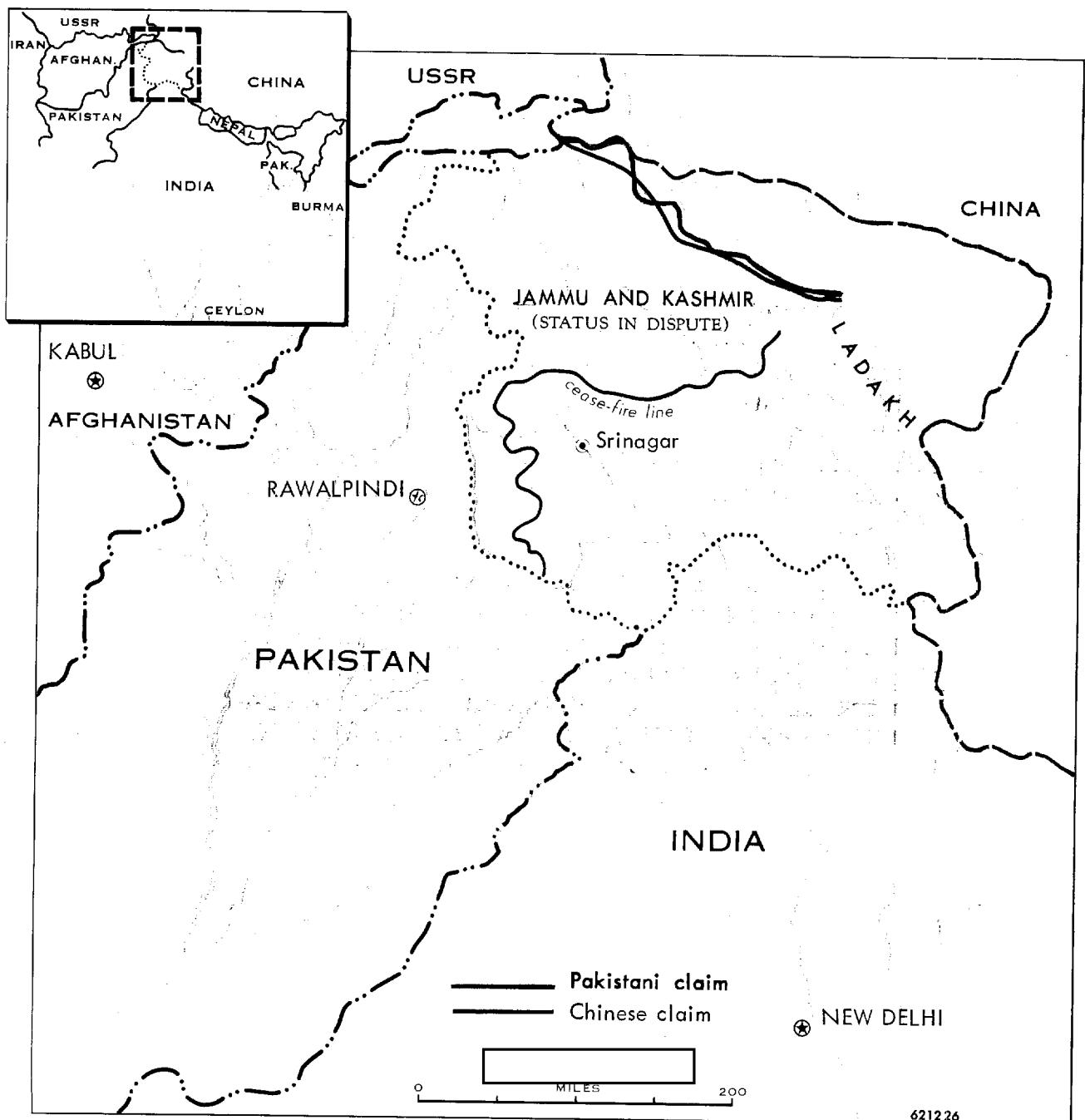
If Adoula and President Kasavubu--who will actually issue the order--delay further and Parliament is allowed to reconvene, serious disorders might result and Adoula might be overthrown.

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France: [Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville is being cautious and somewhat negative in his initial reaction to the US offer of Polaris missiles.]

[Couve and De Gaulle have both told the US chargé that there is no urgency in formulating a reply.]

[Couve commented that Macmillan's trip to Nassau "at this juncture" shows that Macmillan has not yet decided to be "really European." He added that the Polaris agreement had made UK-EEC agreement more difficult.]



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*Pakistan - Communist China - India: Pakistan's announcement yesterday that complete agreement in principle has been reached with Communist China on the "alignment" of their common border appears to be intended primarily to put fresh pressure on the Indians to reach agreement on Kashmir.

The announcement was apparently timed to coincide with the arrival of the Indian negotiating team for talks on Kashmir, which are to begin today. The new border agreement seems almost certain to heighten Indo-Pakistani animosity, and will make an accommodation more difficult than ever.

The Chinese, for their part, apparently hope to impress the Ceylonese prime minister, Mrs. Bandaranaike, who is scheduled to arrive in Peiping on 31 December, with this evidence of their willingness to reach frontier accommodations. The Chinese will probably also cite their recent border accord with Mongolia as evidence of their flexibility and reasonableness.

The small area of disputed territory on the Sino-Pakistani border consists mainly of mountains. The actual demarcation, as in the case of Chinese border agreements with Burma and Nepal, will require protracted surveys and on-the-spot negotiations. [REDACTED] (Map)

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Syria: A new period of political instability is likely to result from the cabinet's decision soon to lift the state of emergency which has been in force since September 1961. Although the army will continue its role of political arbiter, political tensions will rise in coming months as parliamentary elections scheduled for next July draw closer. Communists and other anti-Nasir leftists have already taken steps to cooperate in campaigning for seats.]
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